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Atty. Marshall, Chairman Boy Scouts Membership Campaign

David Marshall, well-known attorney of Springfield, and Agawam Town Moderator, is the chairman of the Ramapogue District Sustaining Membership Enrollment Campaign.



ATTY. DAVID MARSHALL

Elm Boosters Assn. Auction April 5

The Elm Boosters Association are holding their fifth annual auction at the Masonic Temple, 732 Elm Street in West Springfield on Saturday, April 5th.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. with auction starting at 10 o'clock. Included in the vast array of items is a pool table, TV sets, bric-a-brac, electrical appliances, old furniture, ceramics, cameras, radios, new toys, picture frames and hundreds of other goodies.

Earl Wood is general chairman assisted by William Bessette, George Downey, Earl Gilbert, George Pelchat, Harry Morgan, Dan Pisano, and Harold Stanton. The auction will be under the gavel of Michael Kafantis with refreshments served by Enoch Croft and Thomas Carleton.

The entire proceeds will be used by Elm Lodge, AF & AM for various projects during the spring and fall season.

Troop 75 Scouts Receive Awards

Troop 75 of Feeding Hills honored their Scouts with a Pot-Luck Dinner and a Court of Honor ceremony at the Junior High School on Wednesday evening. Master of Ceremonies was Thomas Morrier, who introduced Sterling Brightman, Scoutmaster; George Liptak, Assistant Scoutmaster; and guest speaker, Herman Foster, District Representative.

The highlight of the evening was bestowing the rank of Eagle Scout on John Liptak. John, a sophomore at Agawam High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Liptak, 31 Brookline Ave., Feeding Hills.

Others cited for achievements: Star: Robert Liptak; First Class: John Karakla, Craig Plante and Jean Raymond; Second Class: Steven Cardwell, Daniel Giguere, Allen Greene, and Keith Nowill; Tenderfoot: Scott Brown, Levi Bryant, William Gammelli, Gregg Garfield, William Lindsay, Michael Moran, Mark Raymond, Paul Taylor and Paul Vanasse.

Annual Chicken Pie Supper April 11

The annual public Chicken Pie Supper by the Property Committee of the Agawam Congregational Church will be held on Friday, April 11th, in the church hall. Servings will be continuous from 5 until 7 p. m.

The menu will consist of juice, chicken pie, potatoes, cranberry sauce, green peas, cabbage salad, hot rolls, apple crisp, ice cream, tea, coffee or milk.

Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Robert Quigley 733-0463 or Mrs. John Peterson 733-1258. Tickets for adults are \$2 and children 12 and under \$1.25, and will be available at the door.

The public is invited. All proceeds to benefit the Church Building Fund.

Kerr Bill To Investigate Car-Trailer Rental Agencies

STATE HOUSE—Rep. Walter T. Kerr (D-Agawam) has announced the filing of a bill which would provide for an investigation of the operation of the various car and trailer rental agencies within the state.

The Kerr bill, House No. 4353, would establish a committee to investigate the manner of registration now being used by the car rental companies. At present

there are several thousand trucks, trailers, and cars available for rental throughout the Commonwealth. The majority of these vehicles, however, are registered in only a few cities and towns. The situation that has resulted is that many Massachusetts communities do not receive the excise tax paid on rental vehicles.

At the present time there are approximately 2500 rental vehicles registered in the city of Walpole, which have since gone out to cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. These cities and towns lose the revenue that would ordinarily be accorded them from rental vehicles operating within their jurisdiction.

"This is a time," stated Rep. Kerr, "When the cities and towns of Massachusetts can hardly afford to overlook any source of revenue. Many communities are being deprived of taxes that should be accorded them. This is a situation that should not be ignored. Hopefully the burden of the taxpayer can be lightened."

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The fourth game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Winning door prizes were Anne Hyde, Viola Thayer, Henry Fortier and Marion Damon.

Mystery prize winners were Florence Lacemark, Mildred Cole and Adine Morley. Ladies ace prize winner was Betty Allard and Robert Damon for the men.

The following received high score prizes: Ladies — 1st Betty Allard, 2nd Mary McKay, 3rd Edna Landers, 4th Florence Panaretas; Men — 1st Louis Franchere, 2nd James D. Cleary, 3rd Carmine Lucarino, 4th Walter Haggerty.

In the third game the winners of door prizes were: Edna Landero, Mary McKay, Mabel Miller and Selina Beauchane. Mystery prizes winners were Mabel Miller, Antoinette Lendell, Betty McCarthy and the ace prize for ladies went to Anna McLaughlin and to Henry Fortier for the men.

High score prizes were awarded to Ladies: 1st Etta Stetson, 2nd Philomena Beauvelt, 3rd Rose Noonan, 4th Mary McKay; Men—1st Henry Fortier, 2nd Harold Landers, 3rd George Pierce, 4th Gaston Allard.

The whist parties are held each Wednesday evening and open to the public.

Western Bank Sets Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Western Bank and Trust Company, West Springfield, has declared a dividend of ten cents a share on its common stock for the quarter ending March 31, 1969.

The dividend is payable April 15, 1969 to holders of record March 31, 1969, according to William A. Franks, Jr., President.

In AIC Play



CYNTHIA E. COBURN

Miss Cynthia E. Coburn of 20 Alhambra Circle, Agawam, has been cast as Gillian Holroyd in American International College's Garret Players Production of "Bell, Book and Candle." The play will be presented April 25, 26 and 27 in the AIC Campus Center Auditorium.

A graduate of Agawam High School Miss Coburn is a sophomore enrolled in the AIO School of Arts and Sciences.

AHS Teacher To Head Europe Summer Study Tour



A teacher of Mathematics at Agawam High School is going to jet across the Atlantic this summer with a group of students to attend classes at a campus in Austria.

Mr. Edward G. Stentaford, Jr., of 30 Franklin St., Thompsonville, Conn., has been appointed by the American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS) to chaperone a group of high school students on a six-week European study tour beginning in the latter part of July. Mr. Stentaford will be accompanied by his wife, Judith, who will act as co-chaperone. They will attend classes conducted by the University of Salzburg.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford will do no teaching in Europe — all instruction will be European university staffs — their roles as AIFS chaperones will be to act as combination guardians, advisors and friends. All student life in Europe will revolve around them, and they will help their students make the necessary adjustment to European life. Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford have scheduled a number of meetings prior to departure to prepare the students for the experience.

The AIFS is an association of teachers and students with na-

tional headquarters in Greenwich, Conn. The Institute was founded to meet the growing demand for serious programs combining study and travel in Europe at the lowest practical cost. Over the years, more than 14,000 students and teachers from all over the U. S. have jetted across the Atlantic with AIFS to study at famous universities and schools throughout Europe. For college students, the Institute offers similar summer study-tours, as well as full-year academic programs abroad.

Among the students from this area who are planning to go with Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford are pictured above left to right standing are: Janice Mierzejewski and Susan Piccin; Mr. Stentaford and Cynthia Johnson, seated; Alexander Loss and Debra Madenski.

Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford and their students will depart by jet from John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on July 24 for London. During their three days in the British capital, their sightseeing will include visiting Westminster Abbey, watching the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and attending an evening theatre performance. They will then head for the Continent, crossing the English Channel by ferry from Dover to Ostend. En route to Austria, they will stop in Reims and Dijon in France, Bern and Lucerne in Switzerland, and in Innsbruck, Austria.

Birthplace of Mozart, Salzburg is renowned for its music festival and puppet theatre. The city is nestled along the banks of the River Salzach and is surrounded by mountains on every side. The Internationale Ferienkurse, which Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford and their students will attend for four weeks, is affiliated with the University of Salzburg. Founded in 1922, it attracts students interested in attaining fluency in German from all over the world. While at Salzburg, Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford and their students will have an opportunity to participate in a weekend excursion to the divided city of Berlin.

At the completion of their course, Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford's group will go by rail to Paris. During their two days in the French capital, they will visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame, stroll down the Champs Elysees, and visit the Louvre to view some

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Community Grange Program April 1

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, April 1st, at the Grange Home, North West St., Feeding Hills, to confer the 3rd and 4th degrees on a class of four candidates. Miss Linda Allen will be master of the ladies degree team which will confer the 3rd degree. The 4th degree will be conferred by the regular officers with Worthy Master Lillian McDonald in the chair.

The degrees will be preceded by a Harvest Supper served at 6:30 o'clock at which the candidates will be guests of the Grange members. Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Bostwick are co-chairmen of arrangements for the supper assisted by Clarence Holloway. This will be a covered dish supper and all members are urged to come and bring a suitable dish to serve.

A rehearsal for both 3rd and 4th degrees has been called for Friday evening, March 28th at 7:30 o'clock. It is hoped that all members of both degree teams will be present.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander, Organist
Miss Donna Ashton, Organist
Mrs. Marshall Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,
Junior/Youth Choir Director

Sunday — 9:30 a.m. The Church at Worship . . . Nursery for infants. . . Adult members will be received into church membership; Church School in session, until 10:45 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship hour; 5:30 p.m. Pastor's Membership training class for youth; 6:30 p.m. Youth group.

Tuesday: 6:10 p.m. Youth Choir practice; 6:45 p.m. Junior Choir practice; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist
Mrs. Nancy Lund, Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal at church; 8 p.m. Home Lenten meeting will be held at home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Goss, Sr., Elm St.

Sunday: 9:30 p.m. Morning Worship — Rev. Lockhart will preach sermon at the morning service and the Senior Choir will sing; 10:30 a.m. Church School. 5 p.m. Pastor's Class meet in church study; 6 p.m. Junior High and Senior BYF's meet at the church.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody Choir rehearsal at church;
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post open.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister
Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,
Minister of Music

Thursday: 12 noon Ladies Aid noon luncheon and annual meeting.

Friday—4:15 p.m. Pastor's

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Class; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary choir rehearsal.

Saturday: 8:45 a.m. Intermediate choir rehearsal; 9:30 a.m., Junior choir rehearsal.

Sunday: 9 a.m. Church at morning Worship—Palm Sunday — Rev. Bryan preaching and church school, nursery thru 6th grade; 10 a.m., Church school, 7th thru 12th grade.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.
Rev. Arthur N. Sweeney,
Minister

Randall L. Nofstall, Organist
Cynthia A. Meyer, Choir Director

Thursday—6:30 p.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal in Griswold Hall; 7:30 p.m. Orientation meeting of incoming members in the Spear Room.

Sunday — 10 a.m. Church School classes for nursery thru Grade 6; 10 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service; Induction ceremony of new members. Guest soloist: Mr. Paul Radtke of Springfield. A coffee hour will follow in Griswold Hall; 6:30 p.m. Meeting of the Senior Youth in Griswold Hall, Mr. Earl McNamee, Advisor.

Monday — 6:30 p.m. Church School for grades 7, 8, 9; 8 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.
Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE
 Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Palm Sunday — 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Festival Service; 7 p.m. Evening Prayer.

HOLY WEEK

Monday—9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Tuesday—9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday—9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Maundy-Thursday — 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 7:30 p.m. Holy Communion.

Good Friday — 9 a.m. Ante-Communion; 12 noon to 3 p.m. 3 hour service—last seven words; 7:30 p.m. Office of Tenebrae.

Holy Saturday—9 a.m. Ante-

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Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30 and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions.

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a. m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

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Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning Worship with sermon: "Popularity of Jesus," and Sunday School classes meet in Community Hall; new members will be received and coffee hour will follow; 6 p.m. The Hilltoppers.



COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Beverly L. Mickey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Mickey of 467 Pine St., Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for the first semester at North Adams State College. Beverly received the highest honor on the list.

Brian F. Rosso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Rosso of 65 Broz Ter., Feeding Hills, received his freshman hockey numeral from Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.

Robert H. Leger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey P. Leger of 16 Scherpa St., Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Siena College, Loudonville, N. Y. A major in Chemistry, Leger maintained a scholastic average of B during the fall semester.

Harry Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Grant of 1701 Main St., Agawam, gained Dean's list honors at the Ward Technical Institute of the University of Hartford.

James Neill Lomonaco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lomonaco of 213 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, has been named to the Dean's List at Barrington College in recognition of academic achievement during the past semester.

Mr. Lomonaco, a junior at the college, is majoring in history. He is a graduate of Agawam High School.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Larry Thornton, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

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2. Maintains or improves skills required in performing the duties of your present employment, or other trade or business.

You may not deduct the cost of education which:

1. Is required of you in order to meet the minimum educational requirements for qualification in your employment or other trade or business; or

2. Is part of a program of study which will lead to qualifying you in a new trade or business, even though the education maintains or improves skill required by you in your employment or the trade or business, or meets the requirements of your employer or of applicable law or regulations.

Q. My problem is this. I have just discovered that I omitted an item when I filed my Federal tax return. How do I correct this?

A. This is done by preparing a Form 1040X, Amended U. S. Individual Income Tax Return, and sending it to the address shown in the instructions for that form.

Q. Myself and my 2 brothers all contribute to my mother's support. We each contribute about one-third, as my mother has absolutely no income. Who gets to claim her exemption?

A. Anyone of you may claim her exemption. Where no one person contributes more than 50% of the total support, and at least 2 or more persons together contribute more than 50%, any one of those who individually contribute more than 10% may claim the exemption, if each of the others who also gave more than 10% file a written statement that he will not claim the exemption for that year.

The statements should be attached to the return of the person who claims the exemption. Form 2120 is used for this purpose.

Q. I am thinking of accepting a position with my employer which will place me in a foreign country from time to time. Some of my fellow workers say the income is tax free. Others claim I'll be paying as usual. Can you clarify this?

A. Generally, a U. S. citizen working in a foreign country must pay U. S. income tax. However, there are a number of exceptions to this rule, depending upon residence status in the foreign country, and your length of stay there.

These rules are discussed in Publication No. 54, Tax Guide for U. S. Citizens Abroad, available free at your local IRS Office.

Q. I have been buying shares of stock for some years on a monthly investment plan. How do I figure the cost of the shares if I sell some?

A. When no other price identification can be made, consider the shares you sold to be the ones you acquired earliest. Thus, the cost would be the amount you had paid into the plan at the time these shares were issued to you.

Q. Who is liable for self employment tax?

A. If you have your own business, are a member of a partnership, or render services as an independent contractor you could be liable for this tax. That would include anyone who has net income of \$400 or more from these activities even though you are not otherwise required to file an income tax return.

Payments of self-employment tax make you eligible for participation in the Social Security program. Details are contained in Publication No. 533, "Information on Self-Employment Tax."

Q. I owe a balance on my 1968 tax. I am also filing my 1969 estimate. Should I include both payments on one check.

A. It is advisable to write separate checks or money orders for the two returns to make sure that your payments are properly credited. On the face of each check or money order, indicate the purpose of payment and your Social Security number.

I would also recommend that each form be mailed in a separate envelope.

Different processing operations are required for each form. By using separate payments and envelopes, you will help to insure that the payments are properly credited.

Q. We adopted a child last year. The final papers didn't go through until last week. Does this mean that we lose the exemption for 1968?

A. No. You do not lose the exemption. You may claim the exemption if the child was placed in your home in 1968, was a member of your household, and you provided more than 50% of

the total support for the year.

Q. My mother lives in her own home and depends upon me for her support. She took in roomers in 1968 and received rents of \$1,020.00. Her net income was \$550. May I claim her as a dependent?

A. No, because her gross income was \$600 or more.

Q. I just turned 65 and will continue working. My employer insists on deducting Social Security taxes from my salary. Will I get a refund at the end of the year?

A. No, the law requires that employers deduct Social Security taxes on the first \$7800 of wages paid each employee during the year, regardless of age.

Q. Is it true that the Internal Revenue Service will figure my tax for me if I mail in the form?

A. Yes, but only if your income is less than \$5,000 and you file form 1040A.

Q. I have heard a lot of talk about the new Estimated Tax forms. Is it true that the IRS intends to eliminate automatic billing?

A. Yes, the Service will not send periodic statements of taxes due. Instead, taxpayers will forward their payments with the declaration-voucher, as the installments become due. It's up to you to make timely payments.

Q. I would like an answer to this question please. I had some gains and losses on various stocks during 1968. Are the losses deductible?

A. Yes, losses on the sale or exchange of stock can be deducted for income tax purposes when they exceed capital gains.

The loss, whether short or long-term, must first be used to offset any capital gain you had during the year. Any excess loss can be deducted to the extent of taxable income computed without regard to exemptions or capital gains and losses, but no more than \$1,000. Capital losses in excess of the amount you are allowed to deduct can be carried over to future tax years. Use schedule "D" of Form 1040 to compute gains and losses.

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bits, buttered green beans, hot corn bread, bread/butter, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Thursday: Pizza burger, potato chips, buttered kernel corn, carrot celery sticks, peanut butter sandwich, ice cream, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Chicken vegetable soup, peanut butter jelly sandwiches, cheese sticks, cookie, orange wedges, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, bread/butter, butter cake w/chocolate frosting, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, pizza w/meat cheese sauce, celery carrot sticks, peanut butter cookies, fruited jello, cheese sticks, milk.

Thursday: Juice, hamburger on buttered bun, relish, onion slices, catsup, buttered corn, applesauce, cake, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, ABC salad, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered carrots, potato chips, strawberry shortcake w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, beef stew w/vegetables, bread/butter, cookies, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, submarine sandwich (meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), potato chips, sliced pickles, fruit cup, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Orange juice, minestrone soup, crackers, peanut butter on rye, celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Hot open chicken sandwich w/gravy, cranberry sauce, glazed sweet potatoes, buttered peas, orange cake, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, spaghetti w/meat sauce, tossed green salad, buttered Vienna bread, pineapple, milk.

Thursday: Pork w/gravy on mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, homemade yeast rolls, citrus fruit cup, milk.



"Anne Sullivan Macy, The Story Behind Helen Keller"

By NELLA BRADY
SUMMARIZED FOR THE AGAWAM
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

for
THE AGAWAM INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

By RICHARD JOHN CURRY
6 South West St., Feeding Hills, Mass.

Times were difficult in Ireland following the famine of 1847. Things couldn't be worse in the United States. As a result Thomas and Alice Chloesy Sullivan of Limerick started out for the rural New England town of Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Penniless save for their fare, the couple was eager to start a new life as did so many others before them.

The Sullivans lived a hard life, indeed a poor one, but unlike the belligerent Thomas, his wife was known in Feeding Hills as: "a person people loved to be with." Certainly this mother's kindness must have been the one particle of affection afforded their children.

Born on April 4, 1866, Johanna Sullivan, called Annie, was to know nothing but poverty and hardship throughout her young life. Although born with good eyes, she was to become tormented with the disease known as trachoma.

It was often said of Annie: "she would be pretty if it were not for her eyes." Small wonder that she was to become a rebellious child given to tantrums. Her one escape from the reality of poverty seemed to be in the fantasy of the Irish folklore and legends told by her father.

Disappointment followed disappointment in the Sullivan household. With the mother's death the family separated. For a time Annie lived with John and Anastasia Sullivan who seemed better off than her father. Although a somewhat happier time than her previous existence. Annie was still given to violent outbursts. Again it was decided that she must move. This time, Annie, age ten, and her lame brother, Jimmie, were sent to the state infirmary (the poorhouse) in Tewksbury, Massachusetts.

To the aged and decrepit inmates, the almshouse was but the interim between the agony of birth and the death that was to release them from their earthly suffering. To the two young Sullivans this new adventure was not so great a departure from their previous discomforts. They had been on a train for the first time, but this thrill was little compensation since their first night was spent in the "death house." It mattered little to these tired children that their roommates were never to awaken.

Perhaps Annie and Jimmie were freer than before...even amused as they observed the strange antics of the elderly, the diseased and the perverted! The long hours of the day were devoted to cutting out magazine pictures and pasting them to the walls of the death house while the evenings provided an atmosphere of death groans and endless sobbing.

Jimmie was not to survive for long. His parting brought grief to Annie who had learned the emotion of love from her brother. This sensitiveness was to personify itself in Annie's later devotion to Helen Keller. With Jimmy's demise, Annie seemed more an island unto herself since none of the Sullivan relatives were to visit her except for one trip made by her father. The "blind girl," as she was classified, was enveloped by the dismal darkness of no prospect for the future.

Young Annie Sullivan had mentally aged beyond her years. She had suffered a lifetime in a few years, but a turn of events occurred in the form of Father Barbara, a visiting priest, who placed Annie in a Lowell hospital supervised by the Sisters.

(Continued in next issue)

Potato-Sparse India Develops Hybrid

NEW DELHI — India, which has the lowest potato consumption in the world, has developed new hybrid blight-resistant varieties which can more than triple present yields, it has been announced.

The central potato research institute at Simla said India now is in a position to meet the seed potato needs of Southeast Asia, which annually imports 39.8 million dollars worth of seed potatoes from Holland.

The institute said the potato should be given an honorable place in the Indian diet instead of being treated as a "contemptible" supplementary vegetable.

At present the annual potato consumption in India is about 8½ pounds per person, compared with 220 to 440 pounds in the West.

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NO SCHOOL FRIDAY — GOOD FRIDAY

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Grilled ham w/pine-apple, parselied potatoes, apple-sauce, wheat bread/butter, peanut butter sandwich, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Meat loaf w/creole sauce, mashed potatoes, garden salad w/tomatoes, spinach greens, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, frankfurt on buttered roll, buttered carrots, potato chips, peanut butter sandwiches, raspberry grune pie, milk.

Thursday: Turkey a la King, mashed potatoes, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, jello w/topping, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Juice, hamburger on bun w/cheese, stewed tomatoes, peanut butter sandwich, fruit cup oat meat cookie, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, spaghetti with meat balls, tossed salad, bread/butter, apple sauce cake, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, meat loaf, mashed potato, buttered carrots, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Thursday: Juice, grinders, (sliced meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato), pickles, potato chips, stewed prunes w/peanut butter cookie, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, meat balls in

brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots/peas, bread/butter, cheese wedge, spice cake, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, frankfurts on roll, corn, orange blossom cake, milk.

Wednesday: Macaroni in meat sauce, green beans, bread/butter, cheese wedge, spice cake, milk.

Thursday: Juice, fish sticks, mashed potatoes, cabbage carrot, salad, bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Shell macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, wax beans, bread/butter, peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, green beans, cheese finger, pears, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, frankfurt on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, broccoli, pineapple crisp, milk.

Thursday: Juice, pizza w/meat sauce, carrots, cookies, fruit, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Orange Juice, hamburger w/brown gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered beets, bread/butter, Easter dessert, milk.

Tuesday: Frankfurt on hot buttered roll, baked beans, carrot sticks, cheese cube, peanut butter sandwich, orange fruited jello w/topping, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, baked macaroni w/ham cheese

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HOWDY NEIGHBOR

By BOYD PIERCE

Two pessimists met at a party and instead of shaking hands they shook heads.

Overweight is like sugar in a coffee cup. After a while, it settles at the bottom.

An old-timer is one who can remember when the sky was the limit.

A man could retire very nicely if he could sell his life experience for what it cost him.

One of the easiest ways to get into trouble is to be right at the wrong time.

Living in the past had at least one good point. It was a whole lot cheaper.

After a person collects four traffic tickets they may then get a bicycle.

A bachelor is a fellow who didn't embrace his numerous opportunities.

Definition of a donosaur is a lizard built the way the government would do it.

One fellow defines gamblers as careless drivers who play the hearses.

The biggest trouble with contoured furniture is that it simply doesn't fit most people's contours.

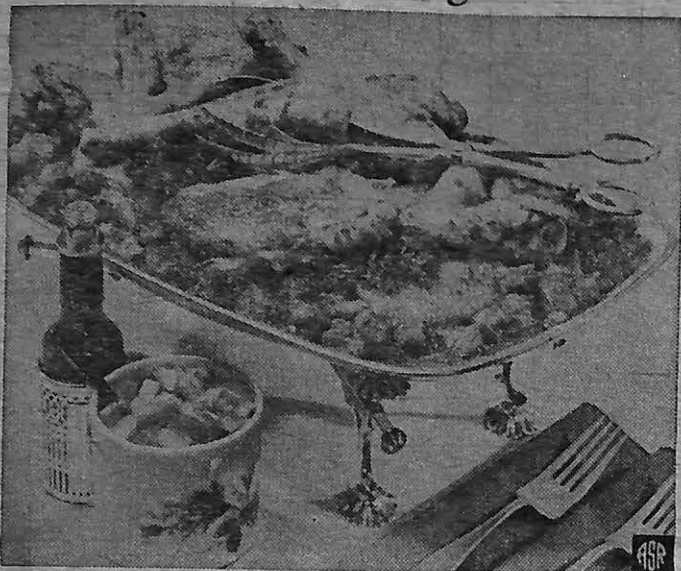
A baby doctor has one advantage over other physicians. Ailing babies don't confuse him by describing their symptoms.

Following Christmas vacation there are probably a lot of mothers who feel that the school teachers deserve any raise that they can get.

Dial Your Comfort

Set the thermostat which controls the house heating system at the desired comfort level, and leave it there, the National LP-Gas Association advises. Constant turning of the thermostat up or down wastes fuel and affects comfort performance of the heating system.

Chicken Algerian Low-Calorie Elegance



Any time of year, chicken is an aid and comfort to the dieter. Compared with other popular meats, chicken ranks lowest in calorie count. The National Broiler Council points out that a three-ounce portion of skinless broiled chicken, for instance, has only 115 calories.

Chicken Algerian combines browned chicken pieces with diced eggplant, onions, and tomato sauce. Tabasco, the liquid red pepper seasoning, adds spicy zest to the wonderful combination of ingredients. The dish is cooked in a skillet and simmers only about a half hour until done. Chopped green peppers are served, condiment fashion, with the Chicken Algerian.

Chicken Algerian

2 broiler-fryer chickens, cut into serving pieces	2 cans (8 ounces) tomato sauce
2 teaspoons salt	1 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
Paprika	1 teaspoon dried leaf basil
1/2 cup diet margarine	1/2 teaspoon Tabasco
2 medium onions, chopped	2 medium eggplants, peeled and diced
2 cloves garlic, minced	

Sprinkle chicken pieces on both sides with salt and paprika. Heat margarine in very large skillet or Dutch oven; add chicken pieces a few at a time and brown on both sides. Return chicken pieces to skillet with onion and garlic. Mix together tomato sauce, thyme, basil and Tabasco; add to skillet. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes. Add eggplant and cook, covered, 10 minutes longer or until chicken is tender. If desired, serve sprinkled with chopped green pepper.

YIELD: 8 servings, 300 calories each.

College Named For You?

Columbia, Mo.—Christian College, a two-year school for women, is spending \$5,000 on advertising to find someone who will give it \$5 million.

The advertisement reads: "Guess what we'll give you for \$5 million? We'll rename our 118-year-old college after you!"

The nonsectarian school enrolls 540 students from 32 states and

13 foreign countries and has an annual budget of \$2 million.

AHS Teacher . . .

(Continued From Page 1) of the world's greatest works of art. They will depart for the U. S. from Paris on Sept. 1st.

According to Mr. and Mrs. Stentaford, there are a few more openings in their group and interested students or their parents are invited to contact them for further information.

Loyal Order of Moose

AGAWAM LODGE

No. 1935



COMMUNITY SERVICE — Your Civic Affairs Scrapbook is due at Mooseheart not later than May 9th so that they will be ready to be judged Monday, May 12th. Deadline for mailing them April 30th and any books received after May 9th cannot be accepted.

NOMINATING TIME — It is getting late as election time draws near. Are you thinking of running for office? Name must be submitted quickly if it is to be considered for elections for April.

PUBLICATION CONTEST — This is the seventh annual lodge publications contest sponsored by the Loyal Order of Moose. . . please help me enter it! The deadline for entering this contest is May 15th and the envelope must be post marked not later than the 15th to be eligible for judging. We are to select what we believe are our three best issues printed during the period from May, 1, 1968 to April 30, 1969. There will be special plaques for the winning lodges and individual awards for the editors. Ten honorable mention certificates will be awarded in each class. Winners of the competition will be announced at the 81st annual international convention of the Moose at Mooseheart and at Chicago beginning June 29th.

Did you know that your 1969 slogan is — "Bring 'Em Back and Re-Energize 'Em?"

The free smorgasbord held at the Lodge Rooms was very well attended and we are happy that so many members were able to attend. The food was delicious and plentiful.

SAVE A DATE

On April 12 there will be a Ham Supper with mashed potatoes, vegetables, dessert and coffee for \$2 at St. Theresa's Hall on Bridge St. (near Tint's). All members and their families are invited to attend and have a grand time with us again. Dinner will be served from 7 to 8 p. m. and dancing with music from the Mar-J Trio will be from 8 to 12. The Mar-J Trio are the fellows from New Britain, Conn. that everyone enjoyed so much at the "Golden Ball." Committee is: Chairman Ernest Dumond, Senior, Co-chairman Ernest Dumond, Jr. and tickets chairman is myself—Mike Fydenkevez, but tickets may be had by calling the Lodge, and are sold on the first come first sold basis. Get your tickets early — don't miss THIS ONE. . .

MEETINGS — On Tuesday nights at the MOOSE LODGE on North St., Agawam. See you there?

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

The Agawam Sportsmen's Club will hold its 50th annual banquet April 1st, at the club house. Tickets are now on sale for the memorable event. Al Carpin and Tony Varuzzo are co-chairmen of the dinner. They report that there will be door prizes for everyone that attends. Al and Tony would appreciate an early return report from the members that are handling tickets.

The club is planning to stock the club pond April 3, 5, and 6. The pond will be open to pre-season fishing 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to members and the limit is 3 fish per day.

Here is a new twist! The Agawam Sportsmen's Club is springing with a breakfast every Sunday morning from 9 to 12. Pancakes and sausage is the main entree plus coffee . . . price only 75 cents . . . you don't have to be a member to attend . . . try it! After breakfast, the club's ham shoot commences at 1 p.m. A ham and capon will be given every round shot. This activity will continue to late, late summer. So, you can combine both activities for a full day of enjoyment after church every Sunday.

CLUBS TAKE NOTICE

A new industry has sprung up in Livingston, Montana, almost overnight, that reaches across the United States. It is supplying hundreds of thousands of Rainbow trout fingerlings — about 2" long — to amateur trout raisers. An ardent fisherman, Paul McAdam, owner of the Jumping Rainbow Ranch, came up with the plan for raising them not in running streams, but in backyard plastic swimming pools.

McAdam was raising the fingerlings for his own catch-out impoundments, where summer visitors to his area, paid fees for catching trout. With the technical aid of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife, he developed a fast growth method and a way to deliver them to distant points without loss.

Now he ships them all over the U. S., with guaranteed live delivery within 72 hours. They are placed in especially-made plastic bags, with cool melted snow water, and oxygen supply for their air flight to remote areas.

The trout grow at the rate of an inch a month, even when started in small plastic wading pools, according to McAdam. When they attain sufficient size they can be transferred to larger impoundments or streams; landowners with small spring fed ponds, or streams, find this a new source of income, and hobbists have a new way of producing fish economically!

DID YOU KNOW?

The statutes in five states do not allow police officers from other states to carry weapons for any reasons, according to an article in Spring 3100, a magazine for New York City police.

Two states specify that the gun may be carried if not concealed; two require that it be securely locked up; and four permit its carriage while the officer is travelling.

According to Spring 3100, "Six states require the visiting policeman to obtain permission or a permit to carry his gun. Fourteen states replied that gun-toting is permissible only if the officer is present on official business."

The article did not state how prisoners were transferred in and out of the five states which do not allow non-resident police to carry weapons.

"Any man who thinks he will be happy and prosperous by letting the government take care of him should take a close look at the American Indian."



Mario Sakellis, Executive Director

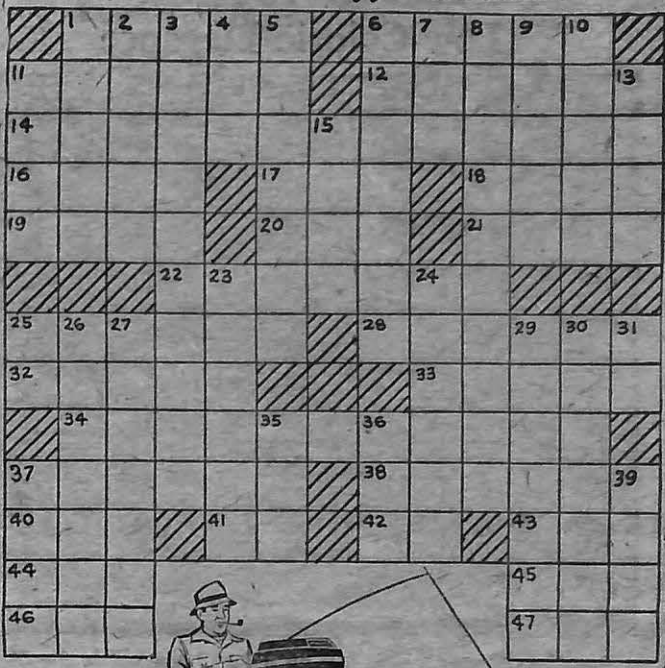
Spring swimming instruction classes will start at the West Springfield YMCA on Saturday, April 5th, at 12 noon to 1. These classes are open to "Y" members and non-members.

Registrations for Day Camp 1969 are now open. To register call the YMCA office.

There will not be any family swim this Friday at the West Springfield "Y" because a new ceiling is being installed in the pool area. Agawam families may go to the new Central "Y" instead if they wish.

Sportsword Puzzle

By Jack Luzzatto



- ACROSS**
- 1. What many did with outboards.
 - 6. Place for Western vacation.
 - 11. Hunt for food while camping.
 - 12. Zola's name-sakes.
 - 14. Flares, first-aid kit, spare parts, extra rations (2 wds.).
 - 16. Smooth, in phonetics.
 - 17. For each.
 - 18. Rabbit cousin.
 - 19. Enjoy doing nothing.
 - 20. Canals connecting Lake Huron and Superior.
 - 21. Blasting explosives.
 - 22. Any tool you can use.
 - 25. Hunter's shout.
 - 28. Whine.
 - 32. Texas landmark.
 - 33. Rested on one knee.
 - 34. Mouth health care sakes.
 - 37. Long-legged aid kit, spare parts, extra rations (2 wds.).
 - 40. Roman.
 - 41. Delirium tremens.
 - 42. It means "for example."
 - 43. Declare.
 - 44. — was saying.
 - 45. Number of deer to be satisfied with.
 - 46. Trouble.
 - 47. Nights: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1. Famous lover.
 - 2. Prizing.
 - 3. He won't pollute streams or start forest fires (2 wds.).
 - 4. Natural food package.
 - 5. Ocean-style fishing.
 - 6. Traverse again.
 - 7. Girl's name.
 - 8. Fishing set-ups while you sleep.
 - 9. Not tangling, as a fishing cast.
 - 10. The big transplant thing.
 - 11. Topped.
 - 13. Senofes: Abbr.
 - 15. Light for a sign.
 - 23. Drove a car.
 - 24. Signing the contract.
 - 25. Laughing sound.
 - 26. Fragrant golden sherry.
 - 27. Wyoming frontier town.
 - 29. Deer meat.
 - 30. Really beautiful.
 - 31. Commissioned officer: Abbr.
 - 35. Initials succeeding FDR.
 - 36. Gosh!
 - 37. The crop of a bird.
 - 39. Pheasant broods.

Sign-Up Friday For Little League

This Friday, March 28th, Little League East will hold its sign-up night at Phelps School starting at 7. Any boy who will be nine years of age before Aug. 1st of this year or who will not be 13 before the same date is eligible to sign up for the '69 season.

Little League season this year will start the 3rd of May for Major League teams and the 10th for Minor League teams. Pre-season tryouts and practices will start on April 12th.

Parents must attend the sign-up night as applications must be read and signed.

Any boy living on the east side of Suffield St., to the River must sign-up for East League play. Those living on the west side of Suffield St., must sign for the West League play at a time to be announced later.

Officials of both Leagues are requested to attend this meeting as plans for the coming season will be made.

Little Leagues setup and aims will be carefully explained, dates for events and schedules will be announced. Those not familiar with Little League as an International Organization will find this of great help. Slides of last years Little League world series and new stadium will be shown.

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Toczko Bros. Take Ski Honors In Vt.

In recent giant down-hill Slalom Ski competition held at Jay Peak Ski area in Vermont, Gary Toczko was awarded a Gold Medal and his younger brother, Greg, a Silver Medal.

The competition was the highlight event of the week which saw nearly one hundred entrants competing for honors and occurred during a ski-week vacation of the Alexander G. Toczko family of 35 Leonard St.

Both Gary and Greg Toczko attend Agawam High School, and have displayed their skiing proficiency with the high school ski team this past season as well as being extremely active in the band, Gary, a junior and an honor student, is also active with the track team and the school dance band.

Moderate Oven

Keep oven temperatures in the moderate 300 to 325 degree range when roasting meat. Moderate oven temperatures will retain meat flavor and juices, and reduce shrinkage.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 19, 1969

Sealed bids for Department of Public Works Reinforced Concrete Storm Drain Pipe: Asbestos Cement Sanitary Sewer Pipe and Asphalt Coated Corrugated Metal Storm Drain Pipe will be received until 10:45 A.M. on April 3, 1969 at the office of the Supt. of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals if they deem it for the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

DONALD J. CAMPBELL, SUPT. DEPT. PUBLIC WORKS (March 27)

TOWN OF AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 19, 1969

Sealed bids for Department of Public Works Building Sewer Pipe will be received until April 3, 1969 at 11:00 A.M. at the office of the Supt. of Public Works, 36 Main Street, Agawam, Mass. Specifications and bid form may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals if they deem it for the best interest of the Town of Agawam.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

March 19, 1969

Sealed bids will be received for Department of Public Works Manhole Frames & Covers; Manhole blocks and Catch Basin Frames & Covers until 10:30 A.M. on April 3, 1969 at the office of the Supt. of Public Works, 36 Main St., Agawam, Mass. Proposal form may be obtained at the office of the Supt. of Public Works. The Town of Agawam reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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Shown is complete oven meal of Swiss steak, Yale beets, surprise potatoes and open peach pie prepared by the company's home economists. Kept at serving temperature by Cook & Hold automatic timer, the meal is ready to tempt late-arriving guests.

SWISS STEAK

375°F. - 1 hour

- 1½ lb. shoulder steak (1½ inch thick)
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons shortening
- 1 green pepper, sliced
- 3 onions, sliced
- 3 cups of tomato juice
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder

Pound flour into steak, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Brown in shortening in skillet. Place in casserole and layer sliced onions and green pepper over steak. Mix tomato juice, sugar, and chili



powder and pour over onions and green pepper. Cover and bake.

YALE BEETS

- 2 cups sliced or whole beets
- ¼ cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons butter

Place beets in casserole. Mix sugar, flour, salt, orange juice, and lemon juice together and pour over beets. Dot with butter. Cover and bake.

SURPRISE POTATOES

- 4 to 6 potatoes
- Peel medium sized

potatoes, roll in melted butter, then in cracker or corn flake crumbs. Sprinkle with paprika and salt. Place in casserole. Cover and bake.

OPEN PEACH PIE

One (1) 8 inch unbaked pastry shell

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup flour
- ¼ cup butter
- 6 peach halves, fresh or canned (drained)

Crumb together the sugar, flour and butter. Sprinkle half of mixture over bottom of pastry shell. Place peaches, cut side down, on crumbs. Sprinkle remaining crumbs on top of peaches. Bake uncovered.

At Your Service

EUGENE H. LUND
Director of Veterans Services



The 1969 edition of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available for 30c from the Superintendent of Documents in Washington, D. C., the Veterans Administration announced today.

Also called "VA Fact Sheet IS-1," the 70-page booklet describes the major Federal benefits enacted by Congress for America's 27 million living veterans, from the Spanish-American War to Viet-Nam, and for certain dependents and survivors.

Stressed in the publication are the new and expanded benefits passed by Congress last year.

They include:

Increased compensation payments to veterans with service-connected disabilities.

A restructured veterans' and survivors' pension program.

Liberalized education and training programs for Post-Korean veterans.

First-time-in-history educational assistance for widows of those veterans who died as the result of military service and for wives of permanently and totally service-disabled veterans.

Part-time vocational rehabilitation training for service-disabled veterans.

A higher ceiling on the maximum amount of a VA loan guaranty on G.I. homes (raised from \$7,500 to \$12,500).

To assist veterans in contacting the VA for information and help, the booklet lists the address and phone number of 216 VA regional offices, hospitals and other installations in the U. S., Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone and the Philippine Islands.

The VA said that while single copies sell for 30 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 20420, discount rates are available for quantity purchases.

Auction Masterworks

Paris—A buyer paid 190,000 francs (about \$38,000) for Renoir's "La Baigneuse" in an art sale here, auction officials said.

Boudin's "Les Dunes de Tourgeville" went for 160,000 francs (about \$32,000) and Pascin's "La Toilette" was bought for 92,000 francs (about \$18,000).

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Jo-Ann Della-Giustina

Experience in competition will befall a number of students this week. On Thursday, six AHS students and Mr. Burns will attend an interstate Math meet at Dartmouth College. These students have participated in a number of meets throughout the area.

The final Western Mass. meet this year will be held at Agawam. Besides their participation in the Math meets, these "mathletes" are learning the basics of computer programming.

On the next two days four AHS students and their advisor Mrs. Sypek will represent Agawam at the annual AIC Model Congress. They are presenting a bill to abolish the convention system and will try to pass it at the session of Congress. Good luck to all those students who are participating in both programs.

Tomorrow George Bickford will travel to Boston to be part of the Good Government Day in which students from all over the state take over the State Congress for a day. It is similar to Model Congress in that the students try

to pass bills in Congress and also that the legislature is actually run as a regular session.

COMING EVENTS: Plans for the prom to be held May 23 in full swing. . . Library Conference on April 12 for staff members. . .

My Neighbors



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PROMENADERS

SQUARE DANCE



Peg and Bob Shoemaker

A square dance open to all square dancers of the area will be held on Friday night, March 28, at the Robinson Park School on Begley St.

Calling the dances for the evening will be the promenaders own caller Al Bessette of Walnut St. Refreshments will be served by the refreshment chairman, Gwen and Vint Gregory. Program chairmen, Doug and Adele Corcoran will announce plans for dances to be held in the next few months.

A special thanks to Al Bessette and the dancers who participated in St. John's Variety Show. The group claimed they enjoyed it so much they wouldn't mind doing it again. If there are any other local clubs who would like to use a square dancing exhibition, they can contact any promenade and we will try to accommodate.

Tino and Anita Davilli of North St., Agawam, opened their home on March 15 for a club dance. Square dancing certainly is a lively, sociable, fun-filled recreation.

V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

My name is NOT Anne Landers (Sorry Ann) but I'll do my best to answer the questions;

1—If you work, your name will be put in the paper. If you don't work, why mention you at all?

2—Credit goes where credit is due.

3—Some people ask that their name not be mentioned.

4—Some people like to see their name in print.

5—Some people deserve to have their name in print.

6—All true facts (to my knowledge will be published. . . must be facts NOT gossip.

7—We must feel sorry for the jealous person — they HURT in places that can't be seen.

8—Kindness IS a virtue.

I'm including this week's little bit of philosophy: If YOU listen hard and take the time to look. . . YOU might hear something that WASN'T said.

Now that the question and answer period is over, we'll get down to business. On Tuesday, March 18th, the Ladies Auxiliary had as their guests Grace Kane, District Seven (7) President from Silver St., Granville, Mass., and Dorothy Donley, District 7 Secretary who is also President of Ransford W. Kellogg No. 872 Ladies Auxiliary. Due to the absence of our President, our Senior Vice-President Katherine Dickinson conducted the meeting. Betty Curran, Hospital Chairman asked for permission to have and was granted permission for three beans to be held at Holyoke Soldiers Home. Dates are March 26 and April 16 in the Canteen; May 7th in the ward. She also will be sending up to the hospitals lilies to decorate the chapels.

Katy Dickinson will be the Auxiliary co-chairman for poppies.

The plastic pigs will be opened on March 30 at 3 p.m. — anyone wishing to be present can get more information from Betty Curran.

After our "Inspection Report and Questionnaire to the Dept. President" was filled out, all enjoyed some entertainment which was presented by Betty Curran. Beautiful green decorations and refreshments were everywhere and we thank Katy Dickinson.

IMPORTANT — The next Western County Council meeting will be April 20th at Russell, Mass.; On May 18—third Sunday of the month we will host the Western County Council meeting; On March 19th, Comdr. Netkovich, Past Comdr. Tet Giminanni and Q. M. Bissonnette attended the District 7 meeting held at West Springfield, Barcomb-Trowbridge No. 6714.

Commander and Quartermaster presented the 100% membership of Agawam Post No. 1632 to the District 7 Comdr. Robert Archambault and he praised them for being one of the first five posts in this district to achieve this honor.

Also on this date, our President Emily Dias of 83 Parker St., was taken to the Springfield Hospital. Her room number is 216 and Ida Bondi is in 431. Cards and letters would be nice so that they can keep up with the Auxiliary news. Recuperating at home are Rita Hamilton of 12 Conklin St., Springfield, and Rose Mandrioli of 886 Main St., Agawam. Happy Birthday to Rita and Ruth Hamilton and many, many more.

The Auxiliary History Book is due May 1, anyone having clippings or pictures which they wish to submit please do so in time for Historian Muriel Adelman to enter in the book. We still need S & H green stamps if we are to get a TV for the Post Home. Won't you please donate some amount?

On Saturday, the 22nd, Comdr. Netkovich, Mrs. and P. C. Giminanni, Roland Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Don Curran attended the testimonial given in honor of Dept. President Pearl Plouffe at the Highpoint Motor Inn, Chicopee. Committee consist of: Chairman Violet Cichouski; co-chairman—Alice Chumura; member Madeline Hege, Evelyn Derendal, Kathleen Tanquay, and Carmella Mandrada assisted by members of the Dept. and Western County Council and hosted by the William F. Davitt Auxiliary No. 625.

DON'T forget the meetings at the Post Home—Please be on time.

"Hi" and welcome to new members Robert Lane, James Curtis, Robert Craig, Roy Meyers, Richard Subotin and Clifton Safford.

About 24 friends helped Leo Mason celebrate his birthday—Sunday, March 23, at the Post Home. A rum cream cake decorated in pink and white was part of the refreshments served by his wife Betty. He was the recipient of leather gifts.

Service News

BERTERA ON CRUISER
USS PROVIDENCE

NAVYMAN GARY C. BERTERA, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Bertera of 58 Oakhill Ave., Agawam, participated in Operation Bell Jangle while serving aboard the cruiser USS Providence.

The third major Naval exercise off the coast of California this year, Bell Jangle is a First Fleet operation designed to emphasize the tactics needed in both Southeast Asian operations and Western Pacific deployments.

Highlights of the eight-day exercise which ended March 20 included an amphibious landing at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and flight operations from the aircraft carrier USS Oriskany. Carrier aircraft conducted air-to-air missile exercises using drone planes and flew bomb strike missions in both the Chocolate Mountain and Twenty-Nine Palms bombing ranges at Camp Pendleton.

Shore bombardment from Navy Cruisers and destroyers marked the surface warfare phase of Bell Jangle.

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Senior Center Activities

The Agawam Council on Aging invites the retired men of the Town to make use of the Senior Center without charge or involvement.

The women have their knitting, ceramics and painting classes, but the men have been slow to make use of this fine facility which in the near future will have a pool

table, a gift of the service clubs in Town.

A get-together luncheon is planned after the first of the month and it is hoped to interest the men in what they have been missing at the Center. A Pitch Tournament has been proposed and will undoubtedly take shape shortly.

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